

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/038,327	WHEELER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the response filed on April 20, 2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 26-32,37-43 and 46.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ryan Massey on April 25, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 26 has been rewritten as follows:

26. (Currently Amended) A saw blade comprising:

a body adapted for reciprocating engagement with a tool, said body including a cutting portion and a shank portion along a longitudinal axis thereof, said cutting portion having a cutting edge on a first side and a back edge on a second side opposite said first side, said shank portion having a first edge generally extending from said cutting edge and being laterally offset outwardly relative to said cutting edge, a second edge generally extending from said back edge, and a rear mounting edge generally connecting said first and second edges, said first edge extending substantially linearly from said cutting edge to said rear mounting edge, a first portion of said second edge proximate said back edge, said first portion being substantially parallel to said back

edge and laterally offset from said back edge such that said first portion is positioned inward of said back edge toward said shank first edge, a stepped portion formed between said first portion and said back edge, a second portion of said second edge extending inwardly from said first portion and being angled with respect to said first portion to define an angularly disposed edge section proximate said rear mounting edge, said second portion extending substantially along said longitudinal axis and disposed at an angle relative to said first portion toward a line collinear with said shank first edge, and said angularly disposed edge section generally defining a reciprocating axis of said saw blade.

Claim 37 has been rewritten as follows:

37. (Currently Amended) A saw blade and clamping system comprising:
a support structure including a pair of lateral walls and a base portion extending between said lateral walls, a majority of each of said lateral walls being generally parallel to one another; and
a saw blade having a body adapted for reciprocating engagement with said support structure, said body including a cutting portion and a shank portion along a longitudinal axis thereof, said cutting portion having a cutting edge on a first side and a back edge on a second side opposite said first side, said shank portion having a first edge generally extending from said cutting edge and being laterally offset outwardly relative to said cutting edge, a second edge generally extending from said back edge, and a rear mounting edge generally connecting said first and second edges, said first

edge extending substantially linearly from said cutting edge to said rear mounting edge,
said second edge proximate said back edge, a first portion of said second edge being
substantially parallel to said back edge and laterally offset from said back edge such
that said first portion of said second edge is positioned inward of said back edge toward
said shank first edge, a stepped portion formed between said first portion of said second
edge and said back edge, a second portion of said second edge extending inwardly
from said first portion and being angled with respect to said first portion to define an
angularly disposed edge section proximate said rear mounting edge, said second
portion extending substantially along said longitudinal axis and disposed at an angle
relative to said first portion toward a line collinear with said shank first edge, and said
angularly disposed edge section adapted to engage one of said lateral walls of said
support structure, said angularly disposed edge section generally defining a
reciprocating axis of said saw blade.

Claim 46 has been rewritten as follows:

--46. (Currently Amended) A saw blade comprising:

a body adapted for reciprocating engagement with a tool, said body including a
cutting portion and a shank portion along a longitudinal axis thereof, said cutting portion
having a cutting edge on a first side and a back edge on a second side opposite said
first side, said shank portion including an aperture therethrough and having a first edge
generally extending from said cutting edge, a second edge generally extending from
said back edge, and a rear mounting edge generally connecting said first and second

edges, a first portion of said second edge proximate said back edge, said first portion being substantially parallel to said back edge and laterally offset from said back edge such that said first portion is positioned inward of said back edge toward said shank first edge, a stepped portion formed between said first portion and said back edge, a second portion of said second edge extending inwardly from said first portion and being angled with respect to said first portion to define an angularly disposed edge section proximate said rear mounting edge, said second portion extending substantially along said longitudinal axis and disposed at an angle relative to said first portion toward a line collinear with said shank first edge, said angularly disposed edge section generally defining a reciprocating axis of said saw blade, and said aperture in said shank portion including a generally flat edge proximate said rear mounting edge, said flat edge [[and]] being generally perpendicular to said angularly disposed edge section.--.

Remarks

3. The above changes to claims 26 and 37 were made to further clarify the claimed invention, particularly in view of the blade shown in Takahashi et al., pn 6,625,892. The above change to claim 46 was made to further clarify the claim and is not intended to alter the scope of the claimed invention.

Additional Prior Art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The newly-cited prior art disclose inventions which have features

similar to the claimed invention. However, these inventions, each taken alone or in combination with the prior art of record, do not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on (571)272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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